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YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

Hey, Boomers,

It's Christmas time once again and let's face it - what would you rather do - watch the Queen's speech or celebrate in style by reading *STC*'s fab festive issue?

Even the humbug-humes who think they run *STC* are finding it hard not to get excited! There's four levels of tinsel-charged, complete stories to travel through! Level one sets alarm bells jingling for Sonic in **Black Christmas** when he finds an evil elf stalking the Emerald Hill Zone!

Level two features Tails and a terrifying turkey on the rampage in **Going Crackers.** If you can survive that, then be prepared for ghostly goings on at creepy castle Frank N. Stein in **Decap Attack.**

Finally, you'll reach Sonic's World, where **Amy & Tekno** are reunited with old friend, Shortfuse the Cybernik, in the badnik-filled story *Peace of Action*.

As well as featuring your regular heroes and villains from the merry planet Mobius, this issue also contains a cracking Tails Pin-Up, plus your own artwork in the **Jingle Zone**.

I know you're itching to get started, but make sure you join me again next issue when I ring in the New Year with a dazzling new look *STC*.

All will be revealed next issue, but meanwhile, to Boomers everywhere

HAVE A FAIRY LIGHT-FULL CHRISTMAS, & AN *STC* FILLED 1998!

MegaDroid

THREE CHEERS FOR THE NEW LOOK, NEW YEAR

The New Year gets off to an explosive start! As from issue120, *STC* is given the complete MOT with a new look that's even funkier than Knuckles dreads!

So check out your fave read in a fortnight for an even sleeker, slicker feel.

HUME ERROR

Apologies to Mick McMahon, cover artist on *STC* 116, who was credited as 'Nigel Dobbyn'. Rest assured, the hume responsible is having to blow into one hundred - and still counting - balloons for the office party festivities (and we've put a pin through all of them!).

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IT WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALL THROUGH THE EMERALD HILL ZONE NOTHING WAS STIRRING...
NOTHING EXCEPT VILE PETER!
TAP-TAP!
WH...WHO'S THERE?
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
BLACK CHRISTMAS
NEW COMPLETE STORY!
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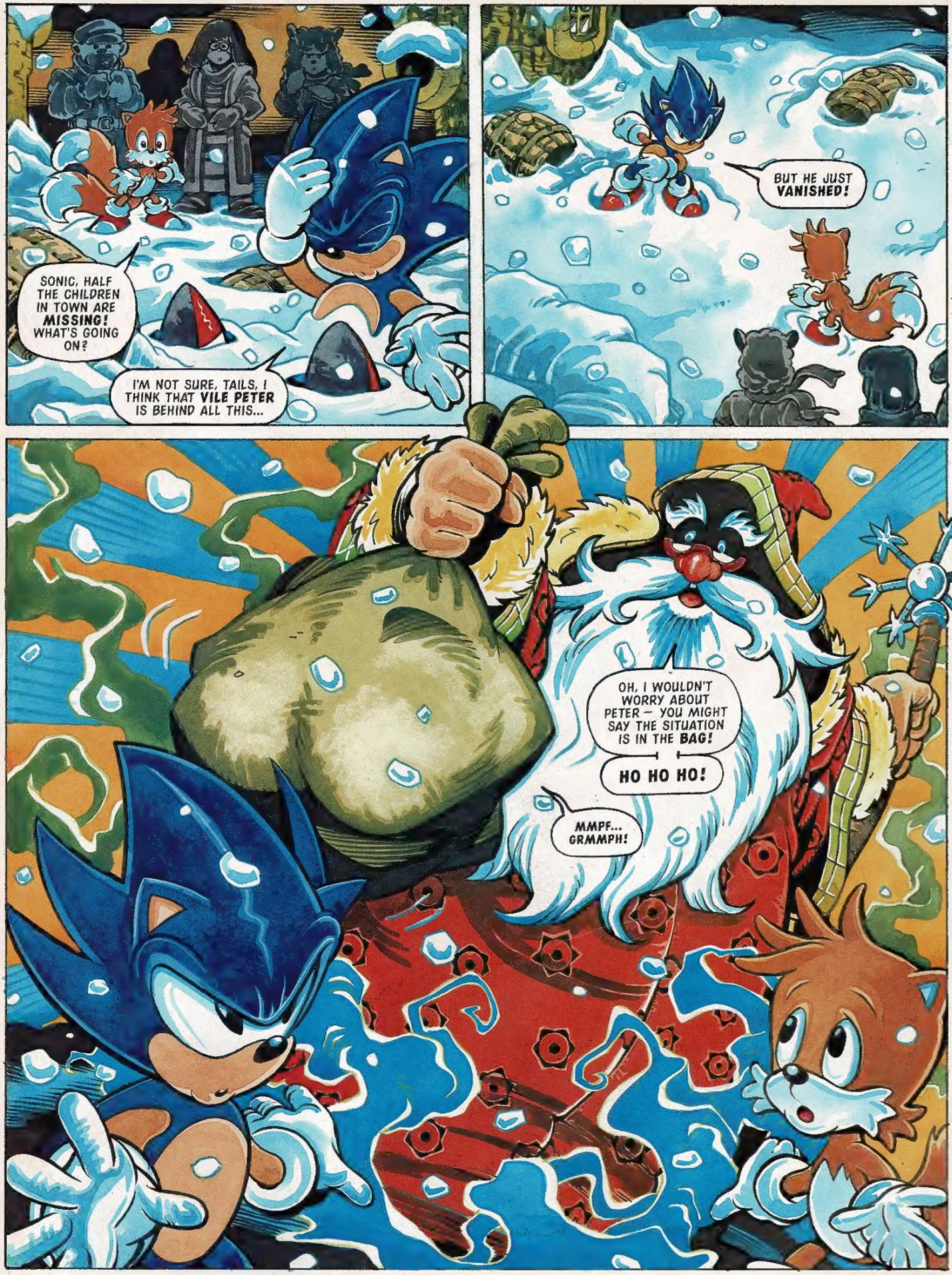
LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS, MY DEAR?
ALL THOSE PRESENTS AND GOOD THINGS TO EAT?
WELL, I'VE GOT SOME BAD NEWS FOR YOU...
CHRISTMAS IS CANCELLED!
NOOOOOO!
THERE YOU ARE, TRAPPED WITH ALL THE OTHERS!
AND BY MORNING'S FIRST LIGHT I WILL HAVE CAPTURED ALL THE CHILDREN IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE!
WE'VE HAD ALL KINDS OF WEIRDOES IN THIS ZONE BUT YOU TAKE THE BISCUIT, BUDDY!
EH?
AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
YOU DON'T RECOGNISE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG? YOU'VE GOT TO BE PUTTING ME ON, I'M FAMOUS!

SPILL IT, PAL, WHAT ARE YOU DOING CREEPING ABOU...
TOMMY, TOMMY... WHERE ARE YOU?
SHE'S GONE! SALLY'S GONE!
I BET THIS IS YOUR DOING! WHO ARE YOU?
I AM VILE PETER, AND THIS MAGIC POWDER WILL KNOCK YOU OFF YOUR FEET!
ZOOOSHH!
AAAH!
BOY, ARE YOU IN TROUBLE NOW —!
FWUMPPHHH
SONIC!


SONIC, HALF THE CHILDREN IN TOWN ARE MISSING! WHAT'S GOING ON?
I'M NOT SURE, TAILS, I THINK THAT VILE PETER IS BEHIND ALL THIS...
BUT HE JUST VANISHED!
OH, I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT PETER — YOU MIGHT SAY THE SITUATION IS IN THE BAG!
HO HO HO!
MMPF... GRMMPH!

SONIC! DO YOU SEE WHO IT IS? IT'S...
I SEE, TAILS... IT'S SOME FAT BLOKE IN A RED COAT!
SO YOU'RE DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS, ARE YOU? YOU'RE GOOD OLD FATHER CHRISTMAS!
I SUPPOSE YOU'VE COME TO GIVE US ALL OUR PRESENTS, EH?
SONIC, WHAT...?
ROBOTNIK, YOUR DISGUISES GET WORSE! RELEASE ALL THE CHILDREN NOW!
YOU THINK I'M DOCTOR ROBOTNIK? HO HO HO!
'HO HO HO'? COME ON, ROBOTNIK, THE REAL SANTA WOULD NEVER GO 'HO HO HO'!
AND AS FOR THIS RIDICULOUS FAKE BEARD!
TUG!
SONIC, ARE YOU SURE?

YAAAAA!
KERRUMPPPP
SAY... THAT FALSE BEARD WAS STUCK ON PRETTY TIGHT...
OH NO...
ER, ARE YOU... I MEAN DID I...?
HO HO HO!
YOU THOUGHT I WAS DOCTOR ROBOTNIK? WAIT 'TILL I TELL THE ELVES BACK AT THE WORKSHOP!

YOU ARE FREE TO GO BACK TO YOUR PARENTS, CHILDREN. DON'T WORRY ABOUT **VILE PETER**... HE WON'T BE BOTHERING YOU AGAIN!
WELL, HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW IT WAS A **REAL** BEARD?

WHAT A TIME FOR HIM TO ESCAPE FROM HIS CELL... THIS IS MY **BUSIEST** TIME OF YEAR YOU KNOW?
MFHH... GRMMMFF!

IT'S A SHAME, HE USED TO BE ONE OF MY **BEST** HELPERS, BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED AND HE TURNED BAD.
AND THERE'S NOTHING **WORSE** THAN AN ELF TURNED BAD!

LATER...
I **DON'T** BELIEVE I INSULTED FATHER CHRISTMAS... HE'S NEVER GOING TO FORGIVE ME! MY CHRISTMAS IS **RUINED!**
I WOULDN'T BE SO **SURE**, SONIC...

HE SAID THAT SINCE HE WAS HERE WE MIGHT AS WELL HAVE **THESE** NOW!
HAPPY CHRISTMAS!
BY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
THE END.
NEXT ISSUE: RIOT RESOLUTION!

NEW COMPLETE STORY!
tails
GOING CRACKERS
Script: LEW STRINGER Art: ANDY PRITCHETT
Lettering: ELITTA FELL
IN THE TOWER HILL ZONE, ZONE-LEADER BASIL POULTRY IS BUSY ORGANISING THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS...
YOU! GET THE CHRISTMAS TREE UP! YOU! HANG THE STREET DECORATIONS! WHERE'S THAT COOK? I WANT HUNDREDS OF MINCE PIES AND I WANT THEM NOW!
YOUR ZONE-LEADER SEEMS UPTIGHT, GUYS!
TELL ME ABOUT IT! THIS IS OUR FIRST PROPER CHRISTMAS SINCE ROBOTNIK WAS OVERTHROWN AND HE'S DETERMINED TO GET THINGS JUST RIGHT!
OH, NO! THE CAROL SINGERS HAVE LARYNGITIS! WHAT MORE COULD GO WRONG?
WELL, FOR STARTERS, THE CHRISTMAS TREE HAS WOODWORM, SIR...
...AND THEY'RE CLAIMING SQUATTER'S RIGHTS!

WHAT?!
PLUS, THE GUY YOU HIRED TO PUT UP THE LIGHTS IS SCARED OF HEIGHTS! HE WON'T DO IT!
I-I'VE GOT TO CHILL OUT. IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD.
AAAGH! THAT'S THE LAST STRAW! WE CAN'T CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH LIMP CRACKERS!
NYAAGHH!!
GIBBER!
TWITCH!
SPRONG!
OH, AND THE CRACKERS HAVE BEEN STORED IN A DAMP WAREHOUSE!
THEY'VE LOST THEIR CRACK!
PITT
SOMETHING TELLS ME I'D BETTER STICK AROUND!
LATER...
THANKS FOR HELPING US PUT UP THE LIGHTS, TAILS!
NO PROBLEM!

UH-OH! SPEAKING OF PROBLEMS...
CLANK! CLANK!
NO CRACKERS, NO CHRISTMAS! THE FESTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED!
YIKE! MISTER POULTRY'S FLIPPED!
STEADY ON! YOU CAN'T CANCEL CHRISTMAS!
NYHAHA! JUST WATCH ME!
AAAH!
THUNK!

HEY! ARE YOU DELIVERING CHRISTMAS CARDS?
I SURE AM!
MAIL
WRONG ANSWER!
FLING!
SPLOSH!
HA! LOOK AT ME SPOILING EVERYONE'S FUN! I'M ON A ROLL NOW!
I'D CHOOSE MY WORDS CAREFULLY IF I WERE YOU!
HELP!
RRUMMBLE!

KATHUMPH!!
OH MY GIDDY AUNT!
I'M SORRY, BUT I HAD TO STOP YOU. YOU COULD NEVER WIN ANYWAY! THERE'S MORE TO CHRISTMAS THAN CRACKERS, CARDS AND SNOWMEN!
WHAT? PARTY HATS?
Sigh. YOU JUST DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
I'M SORRY! I MUST HAVE FLIPPED OUT WHEN THINGS GOT TOO STRESSFUL!
WE UNDERSTAND, ZONE-LEADER! PLEASE, JOIN OUR CELEBRATIONS!
Hip. AFTER ALL I DID, THEY FORGIVE ME! I GUESS THE ONE THING I COULDN'T CRUSH WAS THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!
NOW YOU GET IT!
MERRY CHRISTMAS, GANG!
The End

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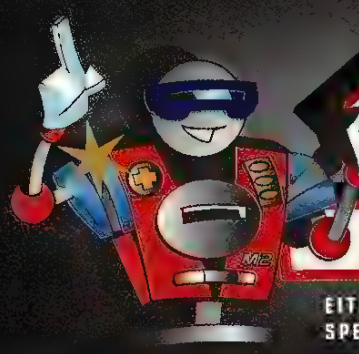
Miles Prower



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DROID ADDRESS

Dear Megadroid,
Do you live on Mobius or Earth?
Gareth Barsby,
Telford, Shropshire.
Enamel Badge Prize-winner.

Actually, I live on micro chips with castor oil!

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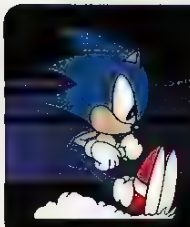

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DOCTORED EVIDENCE

Dear Megadroid,
How come Sonic turned on the Regent Street Christmas Lights in London when he's supposed to be protecting Mobius, millions of light-years away? Or was 'Sonic' really Doctor Robotnik in disguise, trying to take over us earthlings as well?
Dean Parsons,
Knowle Park, Bristol.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

I see what you mean, Dean. You've certainly shed new light on the situation!

Alexander Barrington,
Edinburgh, Scotland.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

Andrew Metcalf,
Chester-le-Street,
Co Durham.
Enamel Badge
Prize Winner.

ODE TO A FOX

In an attempt to persuade *STC* to (please) print a Miles Prower Pin-up - soon, here is a poem...
Tails, Tails
Don't go off the rails
If you see a vampire looking pale
Tails, Tails,
Don't be afraid it'll bite your neck
Just buy loads of garlic, by 'eck
Kyle Muir,
Ayr, Scotland.
Enamel Badge Prize-winner.

Kyle, Kyle
Here's your poster
As your ditty is the most-er (groan!)

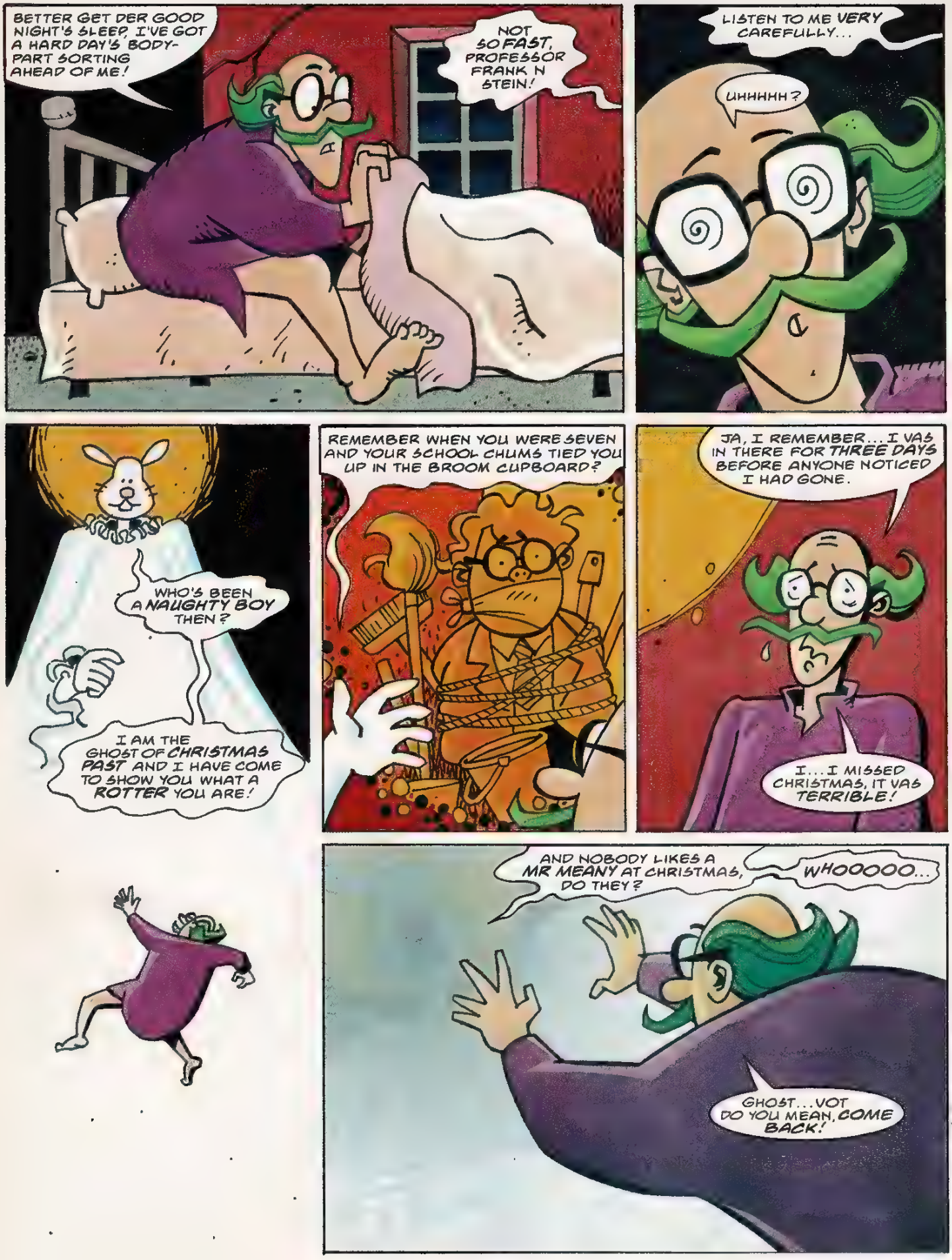
Decap Attack

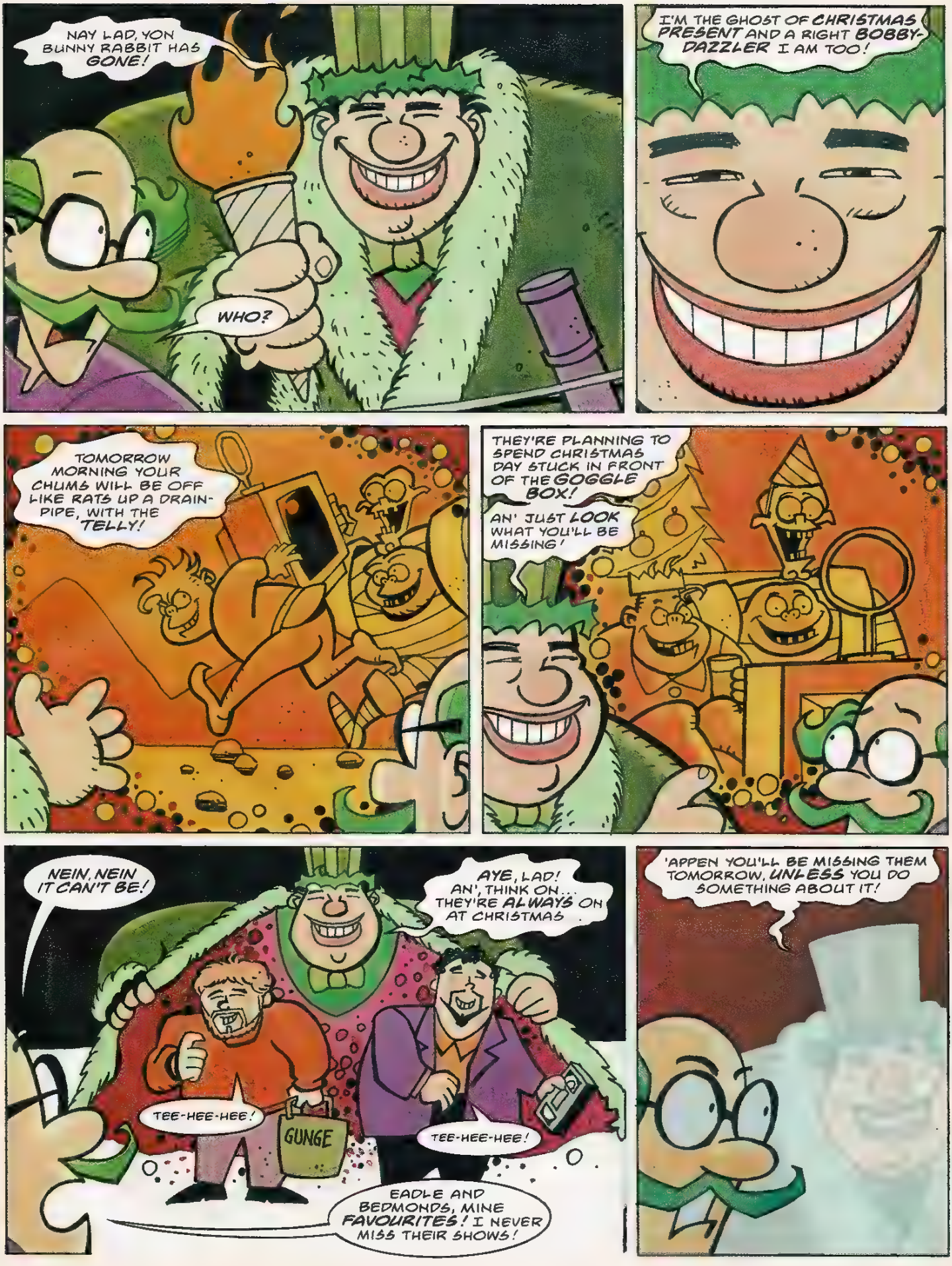
Christmas Carol II

NEW COMPLETE STORY!

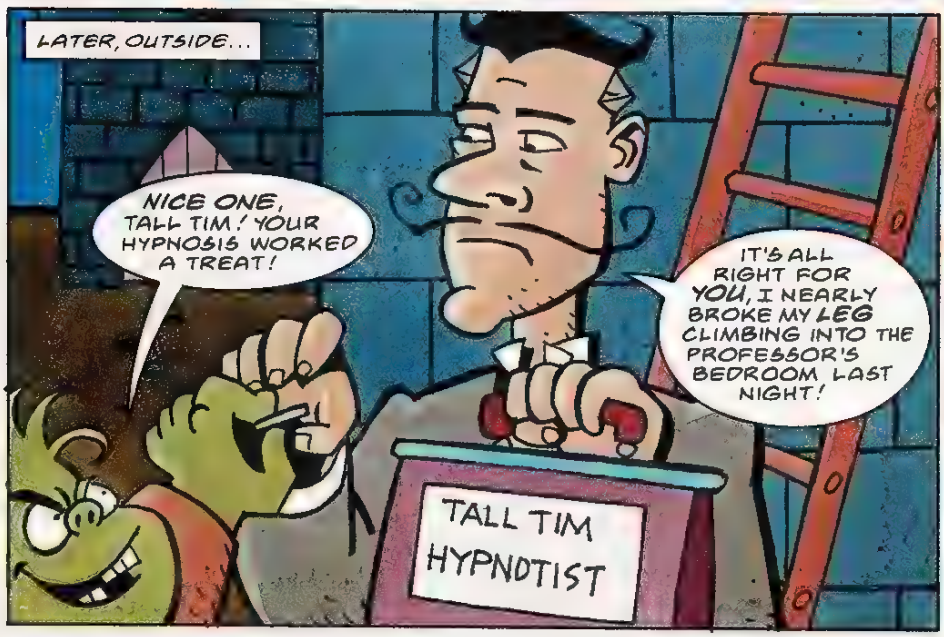
Script & Art: NIGEL KITCHING Lettering: ELLIE de'VILLE

IT WAS CHRISTMAS EVE AND ALL THROUGH THE CASTLE NOTHING WAS STIRRING...
EXCEPT FOR A MAD OLD PROFESSOR WITH GREEN HAIR!
NEIN, NEIN, NEIN! I HAFF TOLD YOU A THOUSAND TIMES, YOU CANNOT HAFF TOMORROW OFF!
BUT PROF, IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU, CHUCK, TOMORROW VE ARE VERY BUSY IN DER LABORATORY!
BESIDES, I GAVE YOU DER DAY OFF LAST CHRISTMAS UND IT'S GETTING TO BE A BIT OF A HABIT!
THE PROFESSOR IS RIGHT. THE WORK WILL BE GOOD FOR US!
WHA-AAAT? IGOR, ARE YOU MAD?
TRUST ME, I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!


BETTER GET DER GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP, I'VE GOT A HARD DAY'S BODY-PART SORTING AHEAD OF ME!
NOT SO FAST, PROFESSOR FRANK N STEIN!
LISTEN TO ME VERY CAREFULLY...
UHHHHH?
WHO'S BEEN A NAUGHTY BOY THEN?
I AM THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST AND I HAVE COME TO SHOW YOU WHAT A ROTTER YOU ARE!
REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE SEVEN AND YOUR SCHOOL CHUMS TIED YOU UP IN THE BROOM CUPBOARD?
JA, I REMEMBER... I VAS IN THERE FOR THREE DAYS BEFORE ANYONE NOTICED I HAD GONE.
I... I MISSED CHRISTMAS, IT VAS TERRIBLE!
AND NOBODY LIKES A MR MEANY AT CHRISTMAS, DO THEY?
WHOOOOO...
GHOST... VOT DO YOU MEAN, COME BACK!


NAY LAD, YON BUNNY RABBIT HAS GONE!
WHO?
I'M THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT AND A RIGHT BOBBY-DAZZLER I AM TOO!
TOMORROW MORNING YOUR CHUMS WILL BE OFF LIKE RATS UP A DRAIN-PIPE, WITH THE TELLY!
THEY'RE PLANNING TO SPEND CHRISTMAS DAY STUCK IN FRONT OF THE GOGGLE BOX!
AN' JUST LOOK WHAT YOU'LL BE MISSING!
NEIN, NEIN IT CAN'T BE!
AYE, LAD! AN', THINK ON... THEY'RE ALWAYS ON AT CHRISTMAS
TEE-HEE-HEE!
GUNGE
TEE-HEE-HEE!
EADLE AND BEDMONDS, MINE FAVOURITES! I NEVER MISS THEIR SHOWS!
'APPEN YOU'LL BE MISSING THEM TOMORROW, UNLESS YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

GROW-URRRL!
UPLUP!
I AM THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS YET TO COME!
VELL YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO NASTY ABOUT IT... YOU GAVE ME QUITE A TURN!
DUE FOR DEMOLITION
AFTER YOUR FRIENDS LEAVE YOU, YOU SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE AS A SAD, LONELY PROFESSOR!
AND YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO END UP, MATE!
WELCOME TO HELL, KEEP OFF THE BRIMSTONE!
HELLO, PROFESSOR! DADDY'S JUST DYING TO MEET YOU!
NEIN, IT'S DER THIN CONTROLLER! SHE'S BEEN WAITING TO GET EVEN WITH ME, EVER SINCE I BROKE OFF THE ENGAGEMENT!
NONE OF THIS HAS TO HAPPEN!
GIVE YOUR FRIENDS CHRISTMAS DAY OFF... IT'S YOUR ONLY CHANCE!


LATER, OUTSIDE...
NICE ONE, TALL TIM! YOUR HYPNOSIS WORKED A TREAT!
IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR YOU, I NEARLY BROKE MY LEG CLIMBING INTO THE PROFESSOR'S BEDROOM LAST NIGHT!
TALL TIM HYPNOTIST

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JINGLE ZONE

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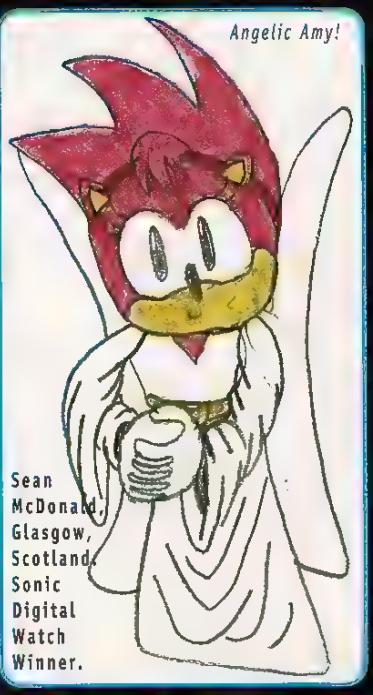
Angelic Amy!



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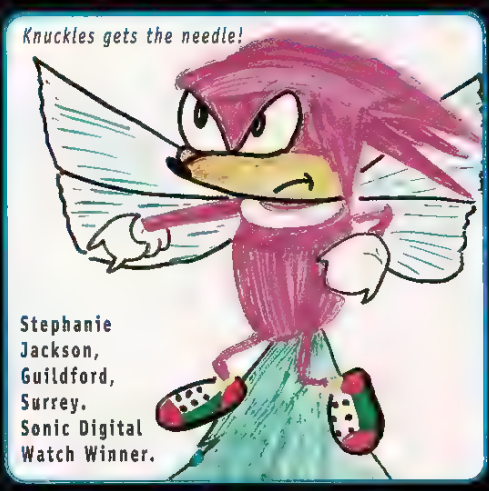
Knuckles gets the needle!



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Deer old Miles!

Katy [illegible], [illegible], Chichester. Sonic Digital Watch Winner.

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SONIC'S WORLD

AMY & TEKNO

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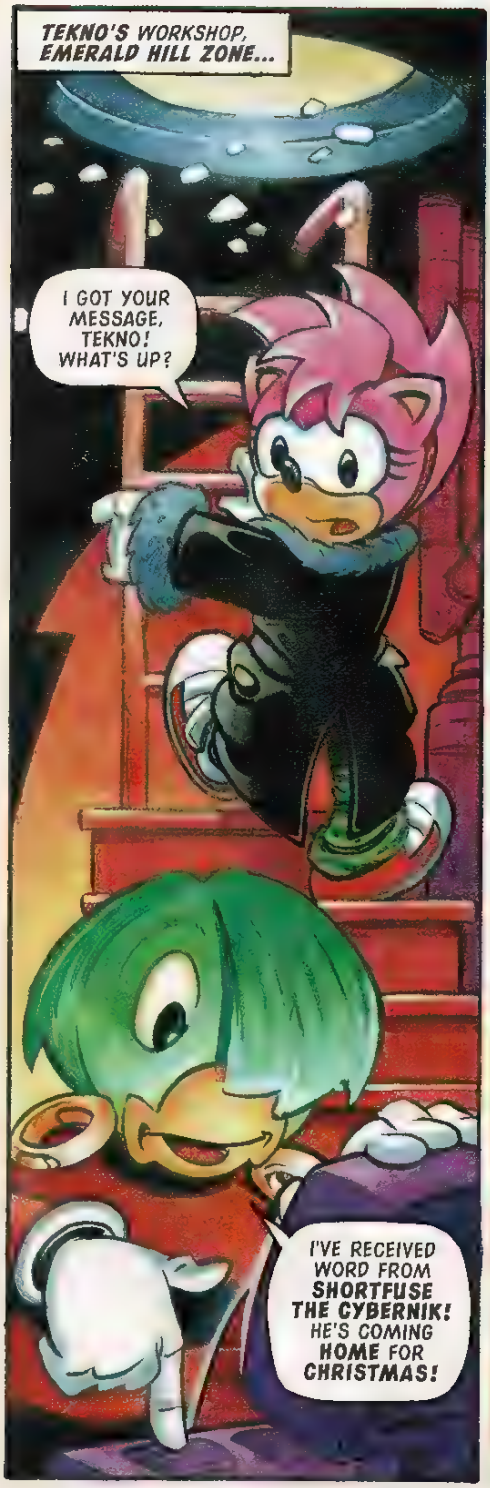
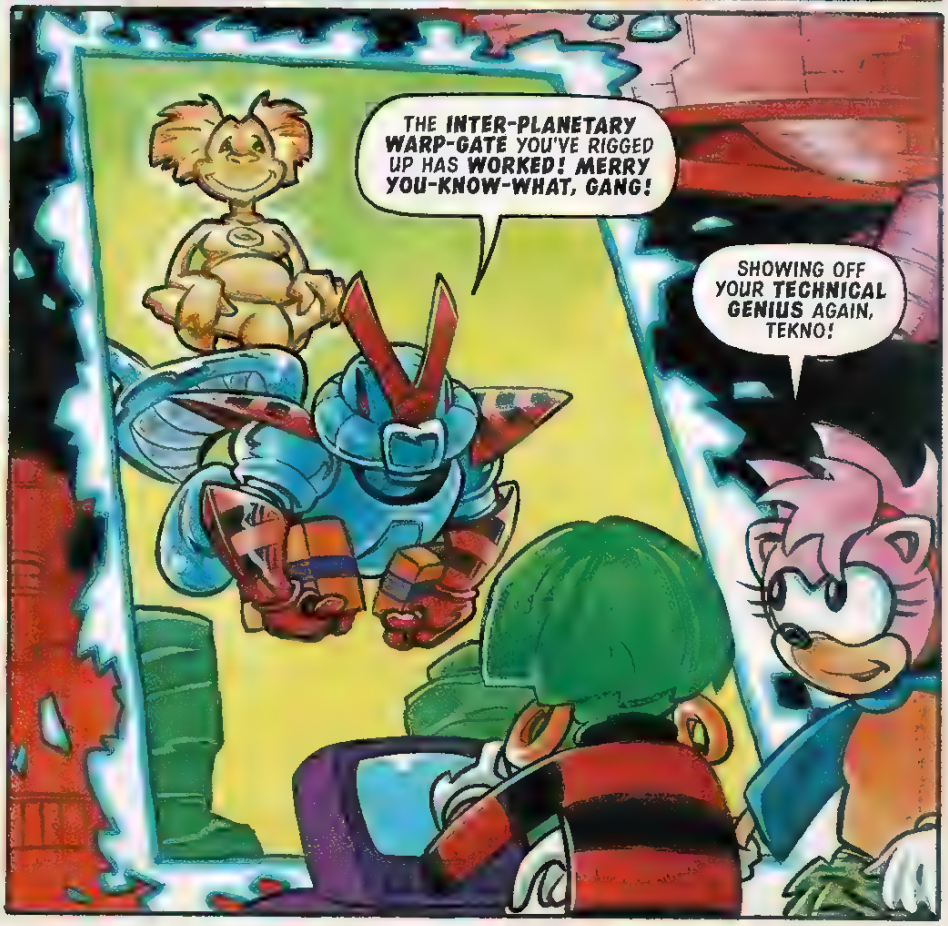
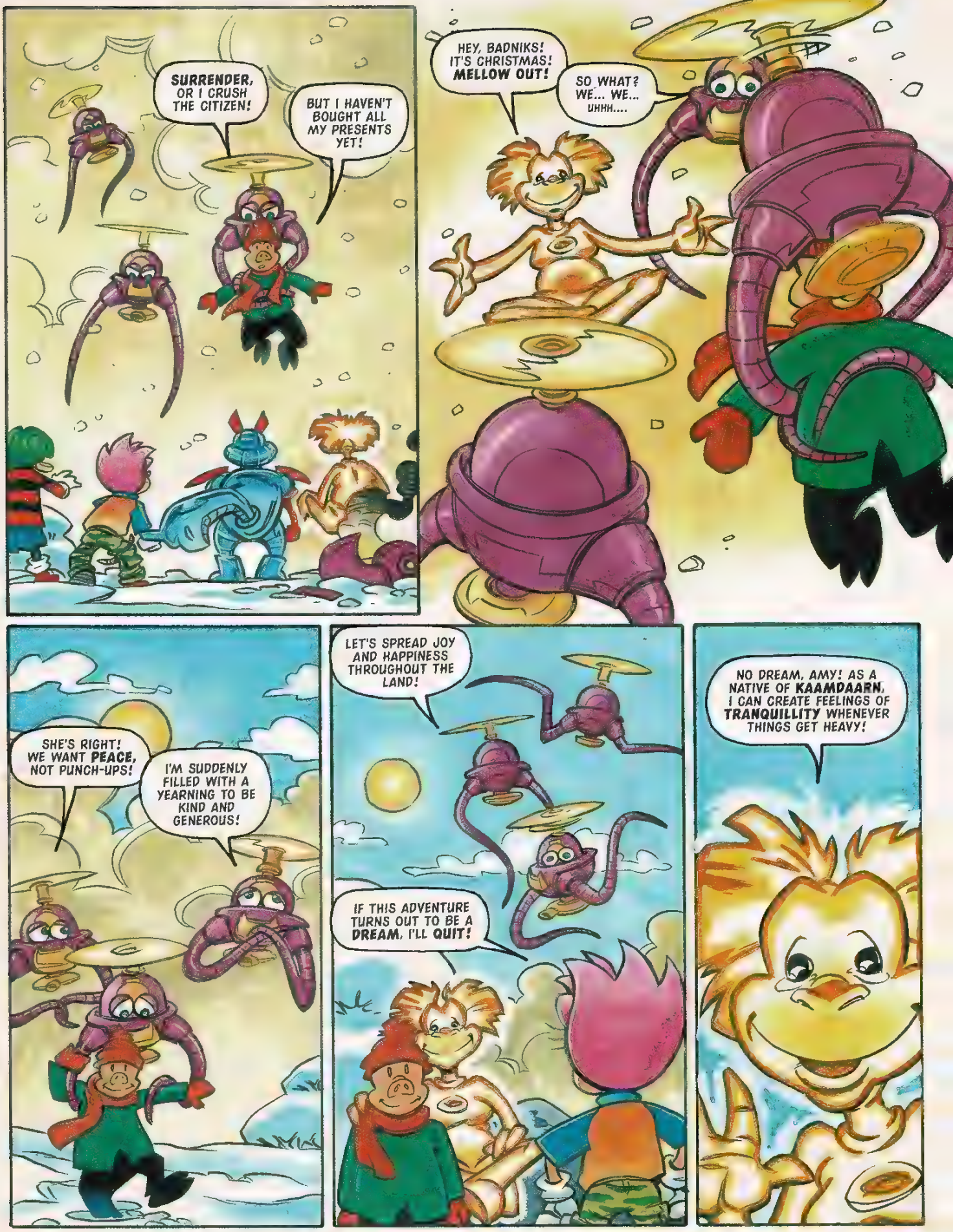

TEKNO'S WORKSHOP, EMERALD HILL ZONE...
I GOT YOUR MESSAGE, TEKNO! WHAT'S UP?
I'VE RECEIVED WORD FROM SHORTFUSE THE CYBERNIK! HE'S COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!

GREAT, BUT HOW WILL HE MAKE IT! ISN'T HE A MILLION LIGHT YEARS AWAY ON PLANET KAAMDAARN?*
HE WAS, YOU MEAN!
*SINCE STC 113 – Megadroid.


THE INTER-PLANETARY WARP-GATE YOU'VE RIGGED UP HAS WORKED! MERRY YOU-KNOW-WHAT, GANG!
SHOWING OFF YOUR TECHNICAL GENIUS AGAIN, TEKNO!

WON'T THERE BE A BIT OF A DRAUGHT WITH THAT WARP-GATE OPEN?
IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY! OUR DIMENSIONS ARE IN ALIGNMENT AT THE MOMENT, BUT ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS!
THIS IS AMBER. SHE ASKED IF SHE COULD VISIT MOBIUS FOR CHRISTMAS.
THE MORE THE MERRIER!
I'M INTERESTED TO SEE WHAT GOES ON IN YOUR WORLD!
WEEOWEOW
YOU'LL SOON FIND OUT! THAT'S THE BADNIK ALARM!
THEY WOULD EVEN ATTACK NOW? DON'T THEY KNOW WHAT TIME OF THE YEAR IT IS?
I DOUBT THEY CARE, ACTUALLY!
MAYBE I CAN HELP?
KEEP SAFE, AMBER! UNFORTUNATELY WE'RE USED TO DEALING WITH THESE SITUATIONS!

I'VE GOT TO ADMIT, I'VE MISSED DAYS LIKE THIS!
BKOT!
DON'T GET OVER-CONFIDENT, SHORTFUSE! THESE NEW BADNIKS ARE DANGEROUS DUDES!
FZAAAAK
AAAHHH!
WHUNKK
THANKS, AMY! GUESS I'M OUT OF PRACTICE!
YOU'RE WELCOME!
I CAN END THIS!
STAY BACK, AMBER! IT'S ALL IN HAND!
BZAMM
MAYBE NOT — L-LOOK!


SURRENDER, OR I CRUSH THE CITIZEN!
BUT I HAVEN'T BOUGHT ALL MY PRESENTS YET!
HEY, BADNIKS! IT'S CHRISTMAS! MELLOW OUT!
SO WHAT? WE... WE... UHHH....
SHE'S RIGHT! WE WANT PEACE, NOT PUNCH-UPS!
I'M SUDDENLY FILLED WITH A YEARNING TO BE KIND AND GENEROUS!
LET'S SPREAD JOY AND HAPPINESS THROUGHOUT THE LAND!
IF THIS ADVENTURE TURNS OUT TO BE A DREAM, I'LL QUIT!
NO DREAM, AMY! AS A NATIVE OF KAAMDAARN, I CAN CREATE FEELINGS OF TRANQUILLITY WHENEVER THINGS GET HEAVY!

LATER...
TOO BAD YOU COULDN'T USE YOUR TALENTS TO CHANGE ROBOTNIK, AMBER!
I FEEL THERE IS NO LOVE IN HIS HEART!
TELL US SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW!
BESIDES, MY INFLUENCE WILL FADE AWAY WHEN I RETURN TO MY WORLD!
EVEN SO, I IMAGINE THOSE BADNIKS ARE GIVING OLD SPUD-NOSE A FEW HEADACHES RIGHT NOW!
S-I-L-E-N-T N-I-G-H-T
IT WOULD BE IF I HAD MY WAY!
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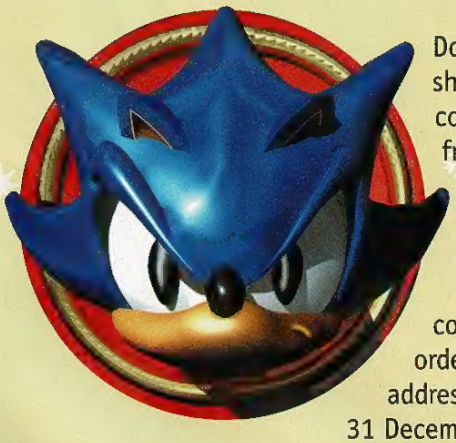

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